

Please insert the following new header and paragraph after the title and before FIELD OF THE INVENTION on page 1:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/333,927, filed June 6, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,353,058, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/815,659, filed March 13, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,187,864, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace the paragraph found on page 5, lines 12-15 with the following:

It should be noted that this publication does not disclose a blend of copolyamide/ionomer, nor disclose a blend of block polyamide copolymer including main chain polyether blocks/ionomer present in a cover layer, nor does it disclose a blend of polyamide/ionomer present in an intermediate layer that is softer than the cover layer.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

A marked up version of the amended claims, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix C. Please rewrite the claims as follows:

8. (Amended) The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the ionomer comprises a copolymer of an olefin and an  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated mono- or di-carboxylic acid, wherein the carboxylic acid groups are at least partially neutralized with at least one metal ion.
14. (Amended) The golf ball of claim 11, wherein the ionomer comprises a copolymer of an olefin and an  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unsaturated mono- or di-carboxylic acid, wherein the carboxylic acid groups are at least partially neutralized with at least one metal ion.
16. (Amended) A golf ball comprising a core and a cover wherein at least one layer comprises:
  - a core:
  - a cover comprising a first polymer composition comprising:
    - at least one polyamide polymer; and